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NEW BRIEFS

CITY OF NEWARK
GROWS IN ANNUITY ON MUNICIPAL FEES

NEWARK—The City of Newark has granted annuity for 60 days on delinquent property taxes, water and sewer fees and other municipal charges, city officials announced today.

According to Ronald Jean, Finance Director for the City, from now through December 31, individuals who have overdue balances on their property taxes, water/sewer, payroll, solid and parking lot taxes can pay the original fees without incurring the cost of penalty and interest charges he said.

NAACP STATEMENT ON PISCATAWAY V. TAXMAN

BALTIMORE, MD.—NAACP President Kweisi Mfume released the following statement regarding Piscataway v. Taxman, which says in part: "The NAACP is pleased that the parties in Piscataway have resolved their case by mutual agreement. In our view, the posture of the case had been unfortunately complicated by right wing demagogues hell bent on confusing the facts at any cost."

Distorted facts make for distorted law, and affirmative action is much too important a matter to be decided based on a shoddily developed and faulty record, or on a case where the principle of affirmative action should never have been applied in the first place. Behind the radical unpredictability of the present court, we agree that the public interest of the nation that the future of affirmative action be based on a clearly articulated record and not on a case that the extreme right wing has distorted and confused as something other than what it is."

NEWARK COUNCILMAN OPPOSED SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

NEWARK—East Ward Councilman Henry Martinez announced he opposes a proposal by local real estate interests to form a Special Improvement District (SID) to rebound while calling for more community and business input on the idea.

Councilman Martinez is responding to recent community concerns of his East Ward constituency. "While a number of private businesses and industrial property owners have studied and discussed the benefits of a S.I.D., I am interested in watching the Downtown S.I.D. get functioning first," he said.

POLICE COALITION WANT INVESTIGATION IN SHOOTING OF BLACK OFFICER

TRENTON—Three black police organizations have banded together to demand that an independent investigation be conducted into the recent shooting of Port Authority Police Officer Corley Curley, by a white State Trooper.

The coalition questions the circumstances under which Curley was shot while responding to the high-speed chase on the George Washington Bridge in which Long Branch Police Sergeant Patrick King was killed.

CITIES INSTITUTE YOUTH CURFEWS TO CURB CRIME

WASHINGTON, D.C.—According to a survey released by the U.S. conference of mayors, 27 cities now have curfews to reduce juvenile crime, and city residents say a curfew in the evening would make a difference.

"When you go to the neighborhoods that are most impacted by crime, the residents say a curfew in the evening would make a difference," said Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson, chairman of the Mayor's Conference Task Force on Youth Violence. Of those cities with a curfew, 74 have reported juvenile crime has reduced since curfews have been imposed.

Back-up center gives kids 'Bright Beginnings'

NEWARK—Bright Horizons, a national leader in back-up child care centers, held the grand opening celebration and tour of its newest location in the Gateway Center Cookie Monster, Prudential's Healthcare Bear delighted both children and adults as they got a first-hand look at all that this modern center has to offer.

Employees and their children from Prudential, PSE&G, McCarter English and Crumley Del Deo, Dotan, Griffinger & Vecchione were welcomed into the center to participate in the grand opening festivities. Other companies located in Newark were also invited to attend the event to see

how this center may benefit their own child care needs. Local officials will also be on-hand to help celebrate this new asset to Newark business community.

This back-up child care center will enable working parents in the Newark's business community to bring their children to the center when their primary child care arrangements fall through at the last minute, or when school is closed, but the office isn't. This modern center is designed by Bright Horizons, the nation's most experienced work-site child care provider.

Bright Horizons was named as one of the "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers" for 4 years in a row by Working Mother Magazine. Bright Horizons uses program quality criteria established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children as the basis for its operational standards.

With a maximum capacity of 40 children, the center maintains a constant ratio of one teacher to four infants and a ratio of 1 teacher to 10 children.

There are five permanent employees and a pool of 20 part-time employees, who are called based on each day's enrollment.



Pre-schoolers meet Cookie Monster at the "Bright Horizons" opening.

Native Newarkers unite to praise King legacy



Internationally acclaimed composer, pianist and conductor, Steve Colson will debut his latest composition, "as in a Cultural Reminiscence" with text read by its authors, literary greats, Richard Wesley and Amiri Baraka at the City of Newark's 10th annual "Sing in Praise of King" tribute. The performance will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 1998 in the Prudential Hall of Newark's new state-of-the-art New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Also featured will be the renowned New Jersey Chamber Music Society, the Steve Colson Septet, noted author, motivational speaker and Dr. King's youngest child, Reverend Bernice King, and the Newark Community Concert Choir. Pictured in photo are from left: Amiri Baraka, Steve Colson and Richard Wesley.

NJPAC Early Learning Through The Arts Program targets hundreds of pre-school children

Acclaimed Program Will Also Reach Teachers & Parents As Professional Artists

NEWARK—The New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Early Learning Through the Arts - The New Jersey Wolf Trap Program will reach more than 750 preschoolers, ages 3-5, in Newark and other New Jersey cities during its inaugural year, which began the week of October 20.

The program, which was developed by the Virginia-based Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts, a program of the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, is administered by NJPAC as a regional program participant.

NJPAC's Early Learning Through the Arts program is made possible by the generous support of The Prudential Foundation. Children at 11 locations in schools, Head Start programs and care centers, from Newark to Jersey City to Paterson, are learning basic academic and life skills through the performing arts from professional artists specializing in creative dramatics, puppetry, music, storytelling and dance. Artists twice a week for a seven-week period.

The program also includes components for parents, teachers and school administrators, training them in the practical application of arts-related techniques. Children will also experience a fully staged puppet performance at NJPAC on November 20, when they attend the Caskill Puppets' colorful production of the young people's classic Brother Sun, Sister Moon in Victoria Theater. Parents will participate in a parent-teacher-child workshop in November at each site.

"The ultimate goal of this program is not only to inspire the children for the time the artist is with them in class, but to encourage teachers and parents to use and expand on the performing arts techniques used in the classes, after the artist has left the classroom," explained Philip S. Thomas, NJPAC's Vice President-Arts Education.

The arts should be an integral and ongoing component of the education of young children. NJPAC is especially proud to be a regional participant in this important program, and we look forward to this arts adventure with New Jersey's children. Learning



Students from the four-year-old class at the Black United Fund Community Center in Plainfield, with Arthur Wilson, Teaching Artist Through the Arts has been proven to help young children improve their self-confidence and socialization skills, their ability to concentrate, remember, their gross and fine motor control and their conceptual and verbal skills.

The Early Learning Through the Arts classes began the week of October 20 and will continue through the first two weeks of December. Classes will take place at the following sites: La Casa de Don Pedro Day Care Center, Newark Day Center, Roberto Clemente School, South Street School and Newark Preschool Council, all in Newark; Beth El Preschool in South Orange; The Gooddard School in Piscataway; Black United Fund Community Center in Plainfield; Concerned Parents for Head Start in Paterson; Glen Ridge Public Schools in Glen Ridge and Michael Court School #5 in Jersey City. Each site receives a full set of Wolf Trap curriculum.

The roots of the Early Learning Through the Arts program were planted early in the summer, with professional development sessions for educators and artists. The artists also took part in a week of training with a Wolf Trap Master Artist in July.

The artists who are participating in the 1997 program are storyteller Beth Phillips Brown, dancers D'La-

Commentary

A Tale of Two Families

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

If Jacqueline and Linden Thompson are perplexed over the massive national media attention and public outpouring of support for Bobbi and Ken McCaughey, the parents of the Iowa septuplets, it is understandable. In May, the Washington D.C. couple set the record for the longest gestation pregnancy at 29 weeks and six days in the United States. They also were the first African-American couple to give birth to septuplets. Yet unlike the McCaugheys' media-dubbed "miracle birth," the birth of their children stirred no interest in themedia at first. There were no TV news features, special reports, or a story on them in any major newspaper. If not for a brief news blurb on the Thompson births in the Black weekly, Jet magazine, the event would have gone completely unnoticed.

It's not hard to figure out why. Unlike the McCaugheys, the Thompsons are a low-income, working class African-American couple. They do not live in a small, tight knit, mid-American Iowa community. They did not use a fertility drug. And it's not like the Thompsons did not get the following treatment:

- Free advertising in major newspapers for their family assistance fund.
- The donation of a 12 seat Chevrolet van.
- The offer by Iowa's governor to build a ward, and large home.
- A year's supply of groceries from a national supermarket chain.
- A year's supply of baby care products.
- A lifetime supply of diapers.
- A phone call from President Clinton congratulating them on their "amazing adventure."
- A special invitation to the White House.

Pat Hurt nominated Essex County Prosecutor

By g.r. matten

Last week, Governor Whitman submitted the nominations of three candidates to the state Senate for appointments as prosecutors in Sussex, Somerset and Essex counties. Of those three nominations, Clifford Minor said was "the most challenging job I've ever had." Minor took advantage of the earliest possible date to retire, leaving office a month before his term officially ends.

If confirmed, Hurt says she will work diligently with the community and police in looking at initiatives that will lower crime. In the area of juvenile crime, she is in favor of boot camps that will strengthen the rehabilitative nature of incarceration. She is in favor of the death penalty.

"It's the law. I believe in it and I will enforce it," she said. With the subject of police brutality so much in the news, Hurt believes that there is no difference between those who wear a badge and those who enforce the law. She believes in the concept of community policing, which she said is a philosophy of the community, be visible and know the area and the people that they are policing. "It has to be seen as a joint effort between the police and the community to combat crime."

Hurt is an adjunct professor of the paralegal studies program at Montclair State University. Donald C. Campolo has been named to serve as interim prosecutor in Essex County until the Senate recovers in January and votes on the nomination of Hurt. Campolo is an attorney in the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

As Essex County Prosecutor, Patricia Hurt will work with all police chiefs in the county, and have responsibility for investigation and prosecution of all cases in the county. She will also supervise a staff of approximately 140 attorneys and 200 investigators in what former county prosecutor Clifford Minor said was "the most challenging job I've ever had." Minor took advantage of the earliest possible date to retire, leaving office a month before his term officially ends.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

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PLAINFIELD—Please join Plainfield World AIDS Day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the YMCA. Free food and prizes available for attendees. For more info, call 908-756-3765.

EAST ORANGE—The Gordon Parks Academy of Radio, Animation, Film and Television will hold an official renaming ceremony. Mr. Gordon Parks will be honored as a writer, photographer, filmmaker and composer. For more info, call 973-286-5950.

ATLANTIC CITY—East Bank will be presenting the upcoming NJ Summit on Volunteerism. For more info, call 908-285-0528.

BELLE MEAD—"Codependency," a community program, will be held from 6:45 to 9 p.m. at Carver Foundation. For more info, call 908-240-2200.

JERSEY CITY—Dr. Andrew Delbanco will speak on "Is there a spiritual crisis in the United States?" 7 p.m., in room 202 of Hobson Hall. For more info, call 201-200-3426.

PLAINFIELD—Come join us at for prayer from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Bible study will take place 7:00 p.m. at Christ Holy Tabernacle. For more info, call 908-561-8898.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

PISCATAWAY—"Crosses to Bear," a multi-cultural voyage, written and directed by Marc Savant, will be performed 8 p.m. at Crossroads. For more info, call 732-868-7555.

EDISON—The Middlesex County College Foundation will hold its annual "Evening At The Races" at the Pegasus East Restaurant. For more info, call 732-900-2594.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will hold its fifth annual mini-conference on "NJ Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Learning Disabilities/Differences" from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in room 202 of Hagburn Hall. For more info, call 201-200-3426.

MOUNTAINDALE—The annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Charity Drive will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Watchung State. For more info, call 908-527-4930.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

PLAINFIELD—Come out and join us for an Anti Narcotic Rally and prayer session held from 11am to 4 p.m. at the Hannah Atkins Park in a tribute to Billie Holiday.

NEWARK—African Masks will be exhibited through Dec. 7th at The Newark Museum. For more info, call 973-596-

PISCATAWAY—A Kwanzaa celebration will take place at 12:00 p.m. at Embassy Suites. For more info, call 908-768-8344.

NEWARK—A Pre-Kwanzaa Festival, featuring Dr. Leonard Jeffries and Rev. Al Sharpton will be held from 4p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Robert Theat Hotel. For more info, call 973-372-4028.

EAST ORANGE—A gift auction, "Ticky Ticky" Chef Cuisine at 12 noon at the East Orange High School Cafeteria. For more info, call 973-285-2392 at the Woodrow Wilson School. For more info, call 609-292-6062.

SCOTCH PLAINS—The National Assoc. of University Women invites you to its "Annual Card Party" from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club. For more info, call 908-756-7452.

NEW YORK—Sony Electronics hosts the "Happy Ever After" Children's Multi-Cultural Book Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Sony Plaza Public Arcade. For more info, call 203-661-7332.

SOUTH ORANGE—The Annual Holiday Gift Sale will take place at The Gallery of South Orange, free admission. For more info, call 973-378-7754.

MILLBURN—1997 fund-raiser at the Paper Mill Playhouse for a 3 p.m. performance of the Children of Eden.

DUNELLEN—53rd Annual Christmas Village will have a cafeteria style dinner 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Dunellen United Methodist Church. For more info, call 908-753-8016.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

NEWARK—Holiday Gift Making Workshop to be held in the Education Lobby at Newark Museum from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more info, call 973-596-6550.

LINCROFT—A "Holiday Happening" celebration will take place from 12 noon until 5 p.m. at Thompson Park. For more info, call 732-942-4000.

MOUNTAINDALE—A holiday attire boutique will be at Traditions Nature and Science from 1 to 5 p.m. For more info, call 908-527-4930.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

WESTFIELD—"Successful Gardening" seminar will be presented at the County Administration Building at 7 p.m. For more info, call 908-654-9854.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The NJ State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on social security from 1 to 3 p.m. at the NJ Law Center. For more info, call 908-654-5000.

Pepsi as purchaser



NEW YORK—Harriet R. Michel, second from right, President, National Minority Supplier Development Council, welcomes James Kotowski, Vice President, Supplier Development, Pepsi Cola Co., to the Council's 28th Anniversary Conference at the New York Hilton Hotel. At left is corrugated box manufacturer, Joe Wilson, President of Integrated Packaging Corporation (IPC). IPC is the largest minority supplier of goods and services to Pepsi-Cola. Fred Canady, Director, Minority Business Programs Pepsi-Cola Co., is at right. Minority suppliers to Pepsi recently broke the barrier of \$1-billion in sales to the soft drink company since 1991.

Montclair State names SUNY administrator vice president for student development



Dr. Karen L. Pennington

UPPER MONTCLAIR—Dr. Karen L. Pennington, Vice President for student and campus life at the

State University of New York at Geneseo and regional vice president of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, has been named vice president for student development and campus life at Montclair State University.

"I am looking forward to this opportunity to work at an institution that is positioning itself to be a major comprehensive university," Dr. Pennington said, "and one that is interested in exploring all that means for its students."

The vice president for student development and campus life oversees the offices of Admissions, Campus Safety and Security, the Dean of Students, Financial Aid, the Academic Success Center, Residence Life and the Student Center. These offices include the New Student Experience, Wellness Center, Child Care Center, student activities, intramural sports and recreation, and student academic support services.



Biochemical Ecology

JERSEY CITY—Dr. Eloy Rodriguez, at left, one of the world's leading plant chemist and the James A. Perkins Professor of Environmental Studies at Cornell University, delivered a recent lecture at Jersey City State on the Biochemical Ecology of Tropical Rain Forest Medicines Used by Wild Apes and Indigenous Tribes of the Amazon. Dr. Rodriguez discussed his most recent findings on the medicinal herbs, fungi and arthropods that are used by wild animals and indigenous tribes to combat disease with, from the left: Mulgeta Asseta, a JCSU assistant professor of biology who coordinated the lecture; JCSU biology Rosa Fernandez of Jersey City; Hugo Morales, JCSU assistant director of publications; JCSU criminal justice and business administration major Julio Valladares of Union City; and Dr. Larry Carter, JCSU vice president for academic affairs.

Fall 'Open House' at Jersey City State



JERSEY CITY—Dr. Carlos Hernandez, president of Jersey City State College, and Dr. Alene Graham, second from right, JCSU vice president for student services, greeted Jersey City resident Janice Pigott-Peters at JCSU's "Fall 1997 Open House." The program featured information on the programs of study offered by the JCSU School of Arts and Sciences and School of Professional Studies and Education, admissions procedures and deadlines, and college costs and financial aid, as well as a multi-media presentation about the College, campus tours, and a "Homecoming '97" barbecue and game.

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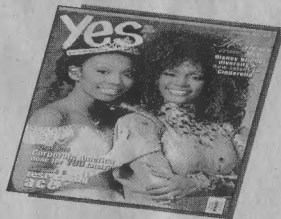
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NATIONAL BRIEFS

BENJAMIN MURHAMMAD NAMED NEW LEADER OF NEW YORK MOSQUE

NEW YORK—Minister Louis Farrakhan has named Benjamin Muhammad (formerly Benjamin Chavis) head of the Muhammad Mosque #7 in New York City and East Coast Regional Center. The honorable Elijah Muhammad has described Mosque #7 as the heart of the Nation of Islam while Chicago's Mosque #7 is the head. This appointment, he continued, is designed to unite Muhammad's years of experience and suffering in the Black liberation struggle and his relationships with a broad spectrum of leadership in religious and civic circles. Farrakhan also explained that Chavis will bring a "fresh view" to the national development of the Nation of Islam. He cited his activist roles with youth and the poor and his ability to effectively interact with diplomats in order to reach to representatives at the United Nations headquarters in New York. Speculations surrounding the change in leadership at the Mosque Center arose some time ago in the New York community for several months. Some have believed to the "denomination" of Min. Kevin Muhammad, the outgoing leader of the Mosque, who they believed had done much to benefit the community. Min. Muhammad, will continue as minister of the Mosque in Manhattan and will assist Min. Benjamin as his East Coast regional assistant.

STUDY SHOWS AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES MORE LIKELY TO LOSE MOTIVATION TO ACADEMICALLY SUCCEED

WASHINGTON, D.C.—African-American boys, compared with White, Hispanic and Asian American boys, are "particularly and perhaps uniquely" vulnerable to "academic disidentification," the phenomenon in which success or failure in school causes a student to "disidentify" with the school, according to a new survey. According to the survey, Jesse W. Osborne, MA, the correlations between self-esteem and achievement scores and self-esteem and grades provide a measure of the students' degree of academic identification or disidentification. Self-esteem rising or falling with grades and achievement scores indicate stronger academic identification. Over the course of the study, there were few substantial changes in the relationship between self-esteem and achievement scores, except for African-American boys. For this group, these correlations declined dramatically. There was little support for the idea that African-American girls are similarly affected. The findings come from a four-year study for nearly 25,000 high school students across the United States and is reported in the December issue of the Journal of Educational Psychology, published by the American Psychological Association (APA).

GROUP AIMS TO EMPOWER BLACK INVESTORS

The Coalition of Black Investors (COBI) is a new national organization created to address some of the economic inequities facing African Americans. COBI's leadership is comprised of African-American professionals who appreciate the importance of saving, investing, and communication about money, organizations explained. COBI was formed to address the unequal distribution of wealth, power and resources that has stagnated growth in Black communities across America, said Dunde Davis, a spokesperson for the group. In response, COBI is creating a Black economic network to serve the large and long-neglected population of African-American savers and investors. We want to help African Americans create wealth and increase ownership through investments in public and private enterprises. COBI is seeking new members—individuals and investment clubs who want to share knowledge and communicate with each other. For more information contact COBI at (910) 945-8977, or visit <http://www.cobinvestor.com> or by e-mail at COBINVEST@aol.com.

Diversity posed in new jury bill

By Deepak Karamacheti

Jury duty may not be something the general public looks forward to, but if a new law recently introduced in the Pennsylvania General Assembly is passed, those called jury serve will be more reflective of the population.

The Jury Service Reform Act, introduced on Oct. 20, by state Rep. Jane O'Brien (R-PA), calls for supplementation of the jury service pool, increased pay and full compensation for jurors.

The bill, originally authored by Allegheny County Judge Christopher Kurgan, would also limit an individual jury service to one day or one trial in a person's lifetime.

The local branches of the American League and the NAACP as well as numerous religious groups have been involved in an effort to add more African-Americans to the jury service pool.

Urban League vice president Will

Thompson explained that he supports the legislation because diversity in jury selection lists will mean a greater chance of diversity in the jury box.

"This is a right guaranteed by our Constitution," Thompson said. "We also have a trial by a jury of one's peers. We think that is very important." Currently, potential jurors are selected from county voter registration lists, which include only 60 to 70 percent of eligible adults. Saunders said those who do not register "tend disproportionately to be minorities and low-income and young people."

"By adopting this bill, the General Assembly will ensure that Pennsylvania's jurors are treated more fairly and reduce the risk of racial under-representation in the jury pool," Saunders said.

According to the 1990 census, 59 percent of African-Americans and 32 percent of Hispanics were registered compared to 64 percent of Whites. A

substantially higher percentage of middle-income Whites were registered to vote than minorities and low-income citizens.

With the new bill, the voter registration list would be supplemented by at least one of the following: Telephone city or municipal directories, tax records, state, federal or local program lists, school census lists or independent applications.

Saunders believes increasing the compensation for jurors is another necessary step toward diversifying the jury pool. Many people request to be excused from jury service due to the economic hardship it creates.

Jury compensation in federal courts is \$60 per day for the first 30 days and \$50 thereafter with 27 cents per mile travel allowance.

"Although this does not bring Pennsylvania in full alignment with the federal courts, it represents an improvement for those who serve as jurors,"

Saunders said. The state jury compensation was set when minimum wage was \$2.30 per hour and the gasoline tax was 13 cents per gallon. Minimum wage is now \$5.15 and the gasoline tax is 30.3 cents plus 15.35 cents in franchise taxes per gallon.

While employers are not required to compensate their workers for jury service under current law, the Jury Service Reform Act would hold them responsible. Business owners with more than 31 employees would be required to give an employee on jury duty full compensation less a juror's pay and travel allowance for at least five days.

Employers are also restricted from dismissing, threatening or lessening the seniority or benefits of an employee serving on jury duty.

—Article edited by NNPA News Department.

Freeedress senior America's best-known quilt maker

Atlanta activist/businessman Joe Carter had looked forward all week to hearing a lecture at the Atlanta History Center about his great, great grandmother. This woman, Harriet Powers of Athens, is regarded as perhaps the greatest quilt maker in American history.

Naturally proud as a new father, Carter, who heads Creative Community, Inc., and is ardently active on a number of issues critical to black Atlanta, invited several of his friends to hear Dr. Gladys Marie Fry's lecture, "Harriet Powers: Prophet, Artist and a Black Quilter." What Carter didn't expect to happen when he got there was to meet Michael Ian Powers, another great-grandson of the former slave who just happened to hear about the lecture on the radio.

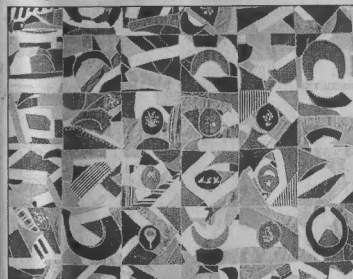
"It was a total surprise to me," said Carter, who, along with his three children, and several others, gathered at the history center to learn how slaves used quilts to chronicle their history, fortify their faith and earn a modest living.

The hour long lecture Carter and other classmates took to be insightful, inspiring glimpse into the history of this century and a little older lady who could neither read nor write, but used her God-given ability as an artist to craft a brilliant machine and hand-stitched 75 x 89-inch creation

that has survived since around 1836. "She is the most famous quilt maker in American history," said Anita Weinstock, chairwoman of the Georgia Quilt Project, who attended the lecture and has included Powers in another publication.

Currently hanging in the Smithsonian Institution in the nation's capital, The Bible Quilt, as it has come to be known, features intricate women patchwork that includes Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden with the animals; Satan aiding the seven sons; Cain slaying his brother, Able, and Job and his travails. The quilt, which powers sold to a white teacher during trying times for \$5, was displayed at the Smithsonian and is being made by "Harriet" until recently. Powers made a second quilt around 1895, which is now part of the collection of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Fry, who spent a summer in Athens "on my hands and knees" going through over 100 years of court documents, told the audience she was spent a great deal of her life researching the quilt maker, who is believed to have been born in 1815. Fry said that Harriet was actually Harriet Powers, born a slave in 1837 and died in 1911. Unable to read or write, Powers nevertheless created the appliqué quilt that is now the best known quilt in the American history.



Pieced and Embroidered Crazy Quilt, 1878, by Anna Lou Holland and Christine Holland Ross

Fry, who did not realize that Powers great granddaughter, Carter's mother, was actually living in Athens during the summer on 1976 when she did her exhaustive research. That research unearthed the artist's last name and other information, including the fact that she was involved with her husband, Amistad, and sold the

quilt in 1891.

Powers, who held fast and relied on her rich Ghanaian heritage—as is evident in seven of her sons—stressed the significance of life, birth, death and rebirth.

True to her steadfast religious faith, her son and grandson both became Baptist ministers.

NAACP grades major hotel chains again

By Tony Jones
Special to the NNPA from The Tri-State Defender

NAACP president and chief executive officer Kweisi Mfume has announced the second phase of the civil rights organization's plan to study how the hospitality industry treats African-Americans. African-American organizations are being urged to contact the NAACP to receive a survey form to gauge the industry's cooperation. Additionally, a hotel industry set-up to disseminate information to interested parties.

This is being made available to assist consumers and groups in making informed choices about where to spend their lodging industry dollars.

Conventions, meeting planners, fraternity and sorority travel planners are urged to call and to respond to the survey. To date, more than 42 national organizations are co-sponsors of the effort.

The first NAACP Economic Reciprocity Hotel Initiative Report Card, released in late spring, was the result of a year-long survey that reviewed the economic relationship between major hotel chains and the African-American community with the intention of establishing a business links for firms owned by African-Americans.

The Economic Reciprocity Initiative was launched by the NAACP in February of this year. The hotel and lodging industry was the first target of the initiative and the top 15 chains were graded and ranked on their records in five key areas: Employment, equity and franchise ownership, vendor relationships/procurement, adver-

tising and marketing and philanthropy.

The results of the second survey were recently revealed in a press conference in New York City. To date, only the Best Western chain has refused to cooperate. The historic Holiday Inn in Memphis, TN has received a "C" in the survey, an upgrade from its position of failure because it did not respond the first time the survey was taken. Memphis-based Promus Hotels (Embassy Suites, Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites) received a grade of "D."

Black consumers spend \$4 billion annually in the travel and lodging industry. Currently, the hotel industry is considered the top of the 10 industries for new job creation, growing twice as fast as other industries.

Mfume feels that business opportunities are enormous in franchising construction and vendor programs largely ignored by Black businesses.

"Survey results indicate that the hotel industry has given very little return on the African-American consumer's investment dollar," the organization's report card states. "Don't support hotels that don't support you."

"Protecting our economic future is extremely important in an environment where there is an aggressive assault on the affirmative action and economic opportunity." NAACP president and CEO Kweisi Mfume said after the release of the first report. "Economic empowerment is the necessary extension of the civil rights movement. I have said all along that as consumers who add significantly to the bottom line of corporate America, we should leverage our clout to reward our employers and punish our enemies," Mfume continued.

SCLC wants investigation of attorney's murder

ATLANTA—Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) President Joseph E. Lowery fired off a letter to the U.S. Justice Department calling for an investigation into the recent slaying of prominent Savannah attorney Howard Allis. Allis, a former SCLC national board member and chapter president, was killed during an apparent home invasion shortly before two men were seen running from the area of his home. Allis' 14-year-old son ran from the house and was unhurt. He was working closely with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF), the Georgia Association of African-Americans and a number of other organizations, including the SCLC, in a case challenging the existence of Georgia's historically black colleges. The SCLC and the NAACP's are intervenors in the case. We are calling for an immediate Justice Department investigation of this tragic slaying," said Lowery. "There are too many unanswered questions and we have suffered enough too tragically a history to take anything for granted," said Lowery. A 1991 Savannah mayoral candidate, Allis was named one of Ebony magazine's "30 leaders of the future under 30" in 1988.

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National Network for Women in Prison opens center

WASHINGTON—The Grand Opening of The National Center for Women in Prison (NCWP) took place in Washington, DC recently. The mission of the Center, located at 1318 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E. is to promote equity and justice for women and their families. The Center has been impacted by the criminal justice system. It is the only national organization that focuses exclusively on policies that impact incarcerated women formerly incarcerated women and their families.

The opening of the NCWP comes at a critical juncture. Recently released statistics by the U.S. Justice Department indicate that more than 1,070 people are incarcerated each week in federal and state prisons. Even more alarming is that the incarceration rate of women, most of whom have children, was double the rate of increase for men. The number of women prisoners grew 9.0 percent last year, compared to the 4.7 increase in male inmates.

During the open house, art work produced by incarcerated women will be on display. In addition, the Artist known as Dollie will unveil paintings prepared for this special occasion, which will be available for purchase. A percentage of sales will be donated to the Center.

"It is clear that women and girls have been caught in the crossfire of America's so called 'war on drugs' and it is children who suffer the most," said Executive Director of the Center Margaret J.B. Owens. "Our communities have to come together to deal with this crisis. We can no longer distance ourselves from this issue."

Because of the long-range goals of the NCWP are to increase public awareness and understanding of the connections between poverty, victimization and incarceration; improve the range and quality of health, educational and vocational services for women prisoners and reduce the incarceration rates of women through the promotion of effective alternatives to imprisonment.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

SPRINGFIELD—Black Communication professionals are invited to attend the first Blacks in Communication 7:00 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Cafe, Route 22. For more info, call 875-468-8338.

BROOKLYN—An economic development forum business networking meeting/reception will take place 8:30 p.m. at the Hotel Brooklyn Borough Hall. For more info, call 718-834-4544.

NORTH BRANCH—Introduction to Java, Pt. 2 will be held from 8:45a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at The Institute for Business and Professional Development. For more info, call 908-218-9871.

NEWARK—Regional Business Partnership annual meeting/conference from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Newark Airport Marriott Hotel. For more info, call 973-242-6237.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

NEW YORK—Seminar will be presented on "How to Write an Affirmative Action Plan" Held at 100 Madison Ave. For more info, call 1-800-282-9699.

Fax Business Calendar
Information to 908-753-1036

Disney honored for work with minority-owned businesses

BURBANK, Calif.—The Southern California Regional Purchasing Council (SCRPC) and its Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee (MBEIC) today presented its first Corporation of the Year Award to The Walt Disney Company, in recognition of Disney's leadership role in working with minority-owned businesses.

Disney is one of 42 regional councils in the National Minority Supplier Development Council network. The criteria for Corporation of the Year selection were established by the national MBEIC. Local minority entrepreneurs selected Disney from a large field of prominent multinational organizations, which comprise the SCRPC member roster.

"The Walt Disney Company has been a major supporter of programs to encourage development of minority-owned businesses and has created a very effective outreach program to assist in that effort," said Hollis Smith, SCRPC president.

"Today's is the first of what will become an annual award presented by the purchasing Council's Minority Business Input Committee. This special recognition of The Walt Disney Company reflects the high regard suppliers

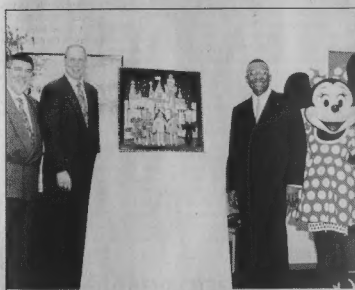
have for Disney's outreach and supplier diversity programs."

The Corporation of the Year Award was presented to Michael Eisner by Robert Garcia and John Ward, Co-Chairs of the Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee.

Michael Eisner, Disney's chairman and CEO, noted that Disney does business with more than 900 minority-owned and more than 600 women-owned businesses, and has operated a Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program for more than 15 years.

"We have found that developing business with minority-owned and women-owned organizations increases competition and provides employment opportunities for a greater number of people," said Eisner.

SCRPC's membership includes 225 major corporations and large-scale purchasers throughout a 13-county area. Formed in 1975, SCRPC seeks to stimulate economic growth and help develop enterprises that can provide useful goods and services at competitive prices, increase employment for underemployed groups, and help bring disadvantaged enterprises into America's market economy.



Michael Eisner, chairman and CEO, The Walt Disney Company, receives the inaugural 1997 Corporation of the Year Award for encouraging development of minority-owned businesses and for the creation of effective outreach programs from the Co-Chairs of the Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee of the Southern Regional Purchasing Council. Eisner was presented with an original artwork by well-known artist Frank Romero. From left Robert Garcia, MBEIC Co-Chair, Michael Eisner, Artwork by Frank Romero, John Ward, MBEIC Co-Chair and Minnie Mouse.

A "free" small business development Conference at Jersey City State college

JERSEY CITY—the first in a series of free Business Development Conferences will be held on campus today, December 3 at 7 p.m. in Gilliam Student Union Hall.

Sponsored by the Jersey City Economic Development (JCEDC), in partnership with United States Small Business Administration (SBA), this follows a successful kick-off held earlier this month at City Hall.

The initiative "Mainstreaming Into Prosperity" gives a "jump-start" in helping underserved minority and women-owned small businesses located in Jersey City to develop their business and access available loans. The loan program is underwritten through a partnership of JCEDC, US-SBA, with the support from area banks, and the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce.

Small Business owners and entrepreneurs—especially underserved ethnic minority and women-owned—are encouraged to attend this program. "Mainstreaming Into Prosperity" gained endorsement from Jersey City Mayor Brett Schundler and the area's Chambers of Commerce. For further information, call John Rogers, Financial Director at JCEDC, 201-420-7755.

The Apollo Theater showcased by Microsoft

NEW YORK—The legendary Apollo Theater has been selected to participate in Showcase New York, The Earth Pledge Foundation, recently established by Microsoft and the Earth Pledge Foundation, assists non-profit organizations with computer hardware, software, training and Web site development helping them touch more lives.

"The vitality of non-profits like Apollo is critical to our quality of life," said I am so pleased that Microsoft is providing the tools and support necessary to allow non-profit organizations to take advantage of new developments in technology, allowing them to focus more effectively and efficiently on their mission," said former mayor David Dinkins, a supporter of Showcase New York.

"Showcase New York represents a major effort on our behalf to reach out to our region's non-profit community and provide it with the tools and assistance these organizations need," said Bob Iones, general manager for Microsoft in the New York/New Jersey region. EPT will manage the local initiative, which will begin with a pilot program to determine the best way for non-profits to get maximum utilization of the latest in information technology.

The program, which has as its slogan "Technology Working for the Greater New York Non-Profit Community," aims not only to give



Local luminaries join Microsoft executives to celebrate Showcase New York include, from left Attorney Theodore Khel, Earth Pledge Foundation, Girma Argemou, director of public relations, Hudson Valley Children's Center, Margaret Lutz, senior director, external affairs, The Public Theater, Jeff Raines, Group Vice President, Microsoft, David Dinkins, former Mayor of New York, Columbia University professor Bob Jones, general manager, Microsoft, New York/DC Office Grace Blake, executive director, The Apollo Theater, Debra House, president, board of directors, Hudson Valley Children's Museum.

product support, but will also provide training to ensure effective implementation. Other non-profits benefiting from

Showcase New York are the Public Theater and the Hudson Valley Children's Museum.

A new generation of entrepreneurs: X-ers lead surge in business start-ups

WASHINGTON—Generation X is vindicated. Far from being "slackers," Americans under the age of 30 are more likely to start or buy a business than any other age group, according to a study by Wells Fargo Bank and the National Federation of Independent Business.

The Wells Fargo/NFIB Series on Business Starts & Stops reveals that of nearly 5 million people who started businesses in the U.S. last year, almost 800,000 were under the age of 25. More than 1.5 million had not celebrated their 30th birthday. Another half million people in their 20s—or younger—bought existing businesses.

"Young adults seem to have more than their share of entrepreneurial spirit," said Lucile Reid, executive vice president, Wells Fargo Bank. "Banks are beginning to rise to the challenge of start-up lending, but when the new owner is a 20-something entrepreneur, the lending challenge doubles."

A study pegged the median age of a person starting a business last year at just over 35—substantially lower than expected. "Common wisdom has held the prime age for starting a business was in the late 30s to late 40s, after

people have had a chance to get business experience, make contacts and amass working capital," said William J. Dennis, senior research—

fellow at the NFIB Education Foundation, co-author of the report. "The wave of corporate downsizing has lessened the sense of job security that might have kept many young entrepreneurs from going into business for themselves," Dennis said. "The sheer number of young adults starting companies is heartening for the prospects of maintaining our economic growth."

Other findings of the Wells Fargo/NFIB study include:

- Marriage doesn't make starting a business more likely. It has been argued that marrieds find it easier to launch a business because their spouse can contribute a second income, unpaid labor or both. The study found both divorced people and those never married were at least as apt to launch businesses as those who married.
- While women are starting more companies than previously, men are still more likely to launch a business. Men are 48.9 percent of the adult population, but accounted for 57.2 percent of last

year's new business owners.

- The likelihood of new entrepreneurs receiving formal education than the general public. All but 5.7 percent were high school graduates, and more than 60 percent had at least some college education. The higher the level of education completed, the more likely people were to start their own business.
- The likelihood of starting a business increases with income. Though more than a tenth of last year's start-up owners came from households with total annual incomes of less than \$20,000, the incidence of start-ups increases steadily as household incomes rise. The median family income of those launching businesses last year was about \$30,000.
- Few new business owners are "pushed" into entrepreneurship by economic stress. Only six percent of those starting a business were unemployed 30 days before taking the plunge. Three-quarters, 77 percent held jobs until shortly before opening their businesses. The remainder came from outside the work force—e.g., students, housewives, retirees.

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Travelers and Salomon Brothers Unite for the first time to support "Welfare To Work" reform movement Lexus ES 300 Donated by Toyota Raises More Than \$73,000 In Raffle Sale

NEW YORK—The Doe Fund's third annual "What New York Needs" gala raised more than \$450,000, benefiting The Doe Fund's Ready, Willing & Able Program—the most successful residential work training program for formerly homeless adults in the United States.

Toyota sponsored the dinner and donated a 1997 Lexus ES 300 which joined more than \$73,000 for The Doe Fund, Mr. Takeshi Nakagawa, President, Toyota Motor Corporate Services of North America, welcomed the guests and praised The Doe Fund's establishment of a Computer Training and Customer Fulfillment Business Center. "Toyota is a satisfied vendor of the Business Center where

Ready, Willing, & Able trainees work assembling large mailings for private contractors while simultaneously learning marketable computer skills necessary to enter the business world."

The event marked the first time Travelers and Salomon, which will soon be acquired by Travelers, have joined under one umbrella for a philanthropic cause. Mr. Michael A. Carpenter, Executive Vice President, Travelers Group and Chairman, President and CEO of Travelers Life and Accident Company, chaired the event. "The Travelers Group is a proud sponsor of The Doe Fund's mission to assist formerly homeless individuals through the creation of

paid work opportunities," said Mr. Carpenter. "As a leader in global financial services, Travelers salutes the participants of Ready, Willing & Able who have chosen to reclaim their lives through discipline and hard work."

Fund that create innovative ideas that offer solutions to social issues. Ready, Willing & Able is proud that today's "willing & able" is a leader in today's work to reform movement that employs and empowers formerly homeless individuals through paid work. Since 1990, The Doe Fund's Ready, Willing & Able program has graduated more than 500 formerly homeless adults.

Local Briefs

Union County adds new playground to Unami Park in Garwood

ELIZABETH—Although the young children that will have fun there are too young to care that the new playground at Unami Park in Garwood will serve as the model for other playground renovations, Freeholder Vice Chairman Sullivan said "this playground is actually two separate playgrounds, with one play area that is age-appropriate. The other is for ages 5 to 12. The total lot is for many high quality, varied play experiences which will contribute to a child's physical, cognitive and social development."

The playground meets or exceeds all current Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines and the American Society for Testing and Materials standards. It also meets the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The cost for the playground was approximately \$75,000; the manufacturer is Game-time of Fort Payne, Alabama.

Planned to celebrate World AIDS Day, December 4

PLAINFIELD—"Giving Children Hope in a world with AIDS" is the theme of the Plainfield's World AIDS Day, December 4, at the Plainfield Area YMCA. The day's conference will begin with breakfast at 9 a.m., followed by a morning workshop, "Living with Children with AIDS," about HIV and AIDS presented by Louise Ychalem, Director of School Based Youth Services. Following lunch, John Velasco, Health Educator at Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey will present a workshop on "Erecticizing Safe Sex."

The evening from 6 to 9 p.m. is a variety of local artist will help commemorate people who have died of AIDS as well as people who are living with the virus.

Supported by a grant from the new Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services to Planned Parenthood, the Plainfield area is co-sponsoring the events. For further information, please call 908-756-3765.

School Superintendent in straight talk with citizens over educational issues

PLAINFIELD—Dr. Larry Levett, Superintendent of the Plainfield Public Schools will give a talk today, Wednesday, December 3, at 7 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library entitled "How Are We Doing?"

Straight Talk About the Community Task Force's "Report Card on the Public Schools."

"I think it's important to provide an opportunity—outside the normal Board of Education setting—for the public to engage the leadership of the district in a dialogue about what must be done to improve education," says Dr. Levett.

The schools have been engaged in a district-wide reform initiative for nearly two years, involving parents, teachers, administrators and community members.

One group focused on a variety of educational performance benchmarks, and recently issued a "Report Card" on the school district's performance. The report shows areas, such as reading, where a great deal of work needs to be done. Dr. Levett will address not only the performance and measurement issues, but will solicit comments and suggestions from the public about how the whole community can improve results.

A TALE OF TWO FAMILIES

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who heard/read reports of the Thompson's situation and recommended involvement, said Sherry Thompson, spokesperson for Freddie Mac. The foundation has scheduled a Dec. 1 meeting with the family to access their needs.

Additionally, as a result of the appeal letters on their behalf by Sisters in Touch and the increased media coverage, the Thompsons are now receiving free day care at a local child care center, and they were notified that they will be eligible to enroll their children in the Head Start Program.

Calls and offers of donations are coming from all over the U.S. and Canada. While the Thompsons have been forced to shoulder much of the tremendous physical and financial burden of caring for the children (one of them died at birth) alone, they have expressed pleasure at the showering of support for the McCaugheys and for the way in which the African-American community has responded to them. Their only regret is, as Mrs. Thompson said, that her community and the nation did not support them until the media type of the McCaugheys. And that shamefully underscores the general indifference of much of America when the children in need are not media sensationalized products of "miracle births" but children of the minority poor.

For donations and information contact: Sisters in Touch, P.O. Box 4337, Largo, Maryland 20775. Phone: 301-499-9876 or 202-773-4006.

Plainfield mayor-elect's transition team organizes, takes assignments

PLAINFIELD—Fulfilling his campaign pledge of getting people to work together, Plainfield mayor-elect Al McWilliams has formally launched the bipartisan and broad-based transition team which will prepare the way for his administration.

With accountant and community activist Adrian Map as chairman, the team is made up of twenty-four people to whom McWilliams is looking for expertise in reviewing and evaluating the state of affairs in the city government and beyond.

McWilliams' intent to make Plainfield a player in regional economic development plans is reflected in the fact that several of the transition team are individuals whose responsibilities are on the county or regional level. These people have agreed to lend their expertise to

assess Plainfield's contributions and challenges as a player in the larger scene.

Preliminary reports on the individual assignments will be presented on Wednesday, December 3. Final reports will be in the hands of Mr. Map on December 10 and the final report of the transition team will be given to Mr. McWilliams on December 14.

Team assignments and persons responsible are as follows:

First Ward concerns, Irene Hatch; Second Ward concerns, Len Mattson; Third Ward concerns, James Howard; physical infrastructure, County Engineer Armand Fioriello.

Public education, Board of Education member Robert Darden; relations with Union County Colleges, Dr.

Wallace Smith. Provost of the Plainfield campus community health concerns and relations with Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, John Kopicki, Muhlenberg's CEO.

Relations with Fortune 500 businesses, John Griffith, regional public affairs manager for PSE&G; relations with local business community, John Landwehr.

Relations with the religious community, Rev. Laverne Ball, youth concerns, Sharon Brown; senior citizen concerns, Ed Long.

Anyone wishing to help the review process may contact the individuals above directly, or contact transition team chairperson Adrian Map at 609-419-5736 (days), 661-7325 (evenings), or by e-mail at amap@usccmail.bms.com.

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NJIT to explore pollution prevention

NEWARK—Thailand, among the region's more robust economies, has turned to the State of New Jersey and New Jersey Institute of Technology to help combat problems of environmental degradation.

New Jersey Gov. Christopher Todd Whitman and the Kingdom of Thailand have appointed NJIT to establish a joint Center for Environmental Technology Transfer and Development, which will provide a sustainable cooperative mechanism for collaboration in the areas of environmental and energy technologies that will lead to joint business and marketing ventures in Thailand and other Asian countries.

"Thailand's fast-paced economy has created a number of environmental problems," said William Librizzari, director of technology application at NJIT's Center for Environmental Engineering and Science and a center coordinator.

"The country is beginning to realize that expansion and growth had a detrimental effect on the environment. In Bangkok, for example, there are waste treatment and air pollution controls that need to be addressed. But, they don't know how to handle the problems. This center will provide Thailand with the capability to implement the kind of projects they need."

Recently a NJIT delegation completed a fact-finding mission in Thailand and took part in an International Conference and Exhibition on Pollution Prevention and Control, in Bangkok. The group was seeking to develop an approach to address the sustainable environmental management in Thailand and other developing countries. A number of needs were identified for the new center to address including waste prevention and removal technologies, environmental measurement and waste management.

"Environmental technology is a priority in both Thailand and New Jersey," said NJIT president Saul K. Fenster. "The partnership that we have developed with our counterparts in Thailand will have long-lasting results for our environment. I am happy to formalize this partnership through the establishment of the center."

all the work we have already accomplished."

For more information, call 732-424-9697 or 1-800-858-2667.

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Rev. J. Wendell Mapon, Calvary Baptist Church, Newark

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Rev. George Seagrath, Abundant Life Christian Center, New Brunswick

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Well attended NetDay in Asbury Park

ASBURY PARK—The Internet is finally coming to the Asbury Park School District via the NetDay event. The initiative. Five of Asbury's schools got wired with (CATV) cabling. Every classroom in the high school and middle school will be wired. As many classes as possible will be wired at Thurgood Marshall Elementary, Bradley Elementary, and Bangs Avenue Elementary schools. Engineering consultant, Robert Rucker, of Kernnet Technologies of Eatontown, designed the Asbury Park enterprise which will connect over 300 computers to the Internet via a high speed frame relay connection by the end of next month.

Participating companies include Lucent Technologies, AT&T, Bell Atlantic, AMP Corporation, and Elican Technologies. Lucent Technologies, Middletown, support Asbury's NetDay with 35 volunteers and 12,000 feet of wire. AT&T contributed with 17 volunteers and 6,000 feet of wire. Bell Atlantic contributed two wiring kits per school, donating a total of 20,000 feet

of wire. AMP Corporation donated 8,000 feet of wire and contributed wiring practice sessions with Julie Clabby of Elican Technologies and Frank Spano of AMP. The Army National Guard's 250th Signal Battalion of Westfield, NJ is also providing ten members for the NetDay event. Even the teachers and students got in on the act with over 75 certified golfers and the purchasing of wiring kits.

Extensive coordination efforts were performed by the Partnership for New Jersey's NetDay organization. Preston Dodd who was actively involved in the overall planning process and wiring acquisitions. In addition to the NetDay activities, the Asbury Park School District will benefit from a 150 computer donation from the Compaq Computer Corporation. More can be said about the significance of this particular NetDay. You can find more on the official Asbury Park School District Website at <http://www.kernnet.com/asbury/school>.

The Newark Museum opens shop at Gateway Center



NEWARK—This Fall, the Newark Museum will open a new shop in the retail corridor in 3 Gateway Center, in Newark. The new shop will feature many exclusive gift items adapted from some of The Newark Museum's 80 Galleries. In addition, The Shop will offer fine textiles, artistic clothing, stationary, art books and children's items.

"The Newark Museum Shop has always provided visitors with a unique opportunity to discover what's

available at The Newark Museum," said Lorelei Rowles, Merchandise Manager of The Newark Museum Shop. "By opening this shop at Gateway Center we are broadening public awareness even further about the great things that The Newark Museum offers."

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority helps health center in Kenya



NEWARK—Members of Beta Alpha Omega Chapter, Newark of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. recently presented a check for \$680 to Eddythe Synod of Bungoma Projects, Inc. at its ninth annual jazz brunch that was held at Rouza's Manor, Orange, to benefit the Mikiu School Health Center located in Kenya. Melody McGowan Parker is president of the Newark AKA chapter. Beta Alpha Omega is a community service organization that sponsors programs that support economic empowerment, the arts, scholarships, health care, math and science initiatives and many more.

From left, Melody Parker, president of Beta Alpha Omega, Eddythe Synod of Bungoma Projects, Inc. and Windford Waldon, vice president of the chapter.

Area ministers receive "Men Of Valor" awards

NEWARK—Reverend Reginald Jackson, from St. Matthews A.M.E. Church in Orange, Reverend L. Ronald Durham, from the First Mount Zion Baptist Church in Newark, and Reverend DeForest "Buster" Soares, First Baptist in Lincoln Gardens are three of 14 prestigious pastors that will be honored by Project Re-Direct Youth & Family Services for their commitment to working in the community. They will be presented with the "Man Of Valor" Award on Saturday, December 6 at the Sheraton Hotel, 125 Frontage Street, Newark Airport, 8:30 A.M.

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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

TEANECK—Adult, infant and child health care provider CPR will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Holy Name Hospital's LDRP Conference room. For more info, call 201-933-3186.

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital is offering a Weight Reduction Program from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Community Health Services Bldg. For more info, call 201-933-3186.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

PLAINFIELD—A blood drive will be held from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ. For more info, call 908-756-6414.

MONTCLAIR—Come and meet the staff of the new Developmental Disabilities Clinic at Mount Sinai Hospital from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the auditorium. For more info, call 908-535-1181, ext. 1228.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The NJ State Bar Foundation presents a free, full-day legal information workshop dealing with HIV/AIDS for service providers and general public from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NJ Law Center. For more info, call 732-937-7518.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

NEWARK—Heart and Lung Organization meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in the board room of (H&L) Support Group Newark. For more info, call 973-926-7509.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital's CPR Training Center is offering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Basic First Aid training programs. CPR is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Basic First Aid is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more info, call 201-933-7246.

FANWOOD—A blood drive will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. For more info, call 908-756-6414.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital's CPR Training Center is offering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Basic First Aid training programs. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. For more info, call 908-753-1036.

Fax all Health Information to 908-753-1036

Tips for safe, healthy holiday fun at holiday fair

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City Medical will hold a special health education session designed to help ensure safe and healthy holidays for the community. "The Family Holiday Safety Fair" is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Jersey City Medical Center's auditorium. The Medical Center

is located at 50 Baldwin Avenue in Jersey City. The Fair is cosponsored by the Jersey City Child Development Center (Head Start).

The free Holiday Safety Fair will feature health and safety presentations on a variety of holiday related topics, including how to identify safe and age appropriate

toys and gifts; personal and fire safety; CPR demonstrations; information on shaken baby syndrome; and car seat safety.

"Everyone is invited to come" out to Jersey City Medical Center's Holiday Safety Fair, said Carol Greene, Director of Community Relations, who is organizing the special event. "We're urging everyone, especially people with children, to come and learn, because safety plus education equals prevention."

For more information or to make your reservation for the Family Holiday Safety Fair, call Ms. Greene at 201-915-2042.

Dental tips for pregnant women and their babies

NEW YORK—How will pregnancy affect you and your baby's oral health?

Every part of a woman's body is affected by pregnancy, including the teeth and gums. Most commonly, women experience increased gingivitis beginning in the second or third month of pregnancy, which increases in severity through the eighth month and begins to decrease in the ninth month. This condition, known as pregnancy gingivitis, is marked

by swelling, bleeding and redness in the gum tissue in response to only small amounts of plaque or calculus.

A history of good oral health will certainly help gestating women through pregnancy. During this time, regular professional cleaning to remove irritants and continue a diligent

home-care routine that includes brushing and flossing. Studies also show that a mother-to-be's nutrition is important to the baby's oral and facial

development. Thus, a pregnant woman's diet should include sufficient amounts of nutrients, especially Vitamins A, C, and D, protein, calcium and phosphorus.

Will gum disease during pregnancy adversely affect your baby?

A study indicates that infections in the gums of a pregnant woman may lead to a sevenfold increase in the risk of delivering a low birth weight premature baby. Indeed, the study suggests that untreated periodontal disease may account for a large share of premature births for which no other explanation can be found.

If you're pregnant, should you see a periodontist?

Specialists agree that seeing a periodontist is a prudent choice for pregnant women. They also urge women to be pay special attention to any infection in the gums during pregnancy, noting that even eating or brushing can release destructive toxins into the bloodstream.

Bright Smiles, Bright Futures is Launched in Los Angeles



LOS ANGELES—Reginald Jones-Sawyer, at right, Assistant Deputy Mayor, presents Dr. Marsha Butler, second from right, Director of Global Oral Health Improvement and Consumer Education, and Cathy Phillips-Gerricks, third from right, National Program Manager, Colgate-Palmolive Company, with a Commendation at the official launch of Colgate-Palmolive's Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Program. Joining them are Dr. Robert Byrd, President, The Angel City Dental Association, Dr. Ramiro Sanchez, President, The Latin American Dental Association, Dr. Bassette Cayano Jr., Coordinator, Bright Smiles, Bright Futures, Los Angeles, and Ms. Christy Stewart, Assistant Coordinator, Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Los Angeles. Photo Credit: Rodney E. Buehler

East Orange General conducts depression screening and workshop for community



EAST ORANGE—East Orange General Hospital recently held its sixth annual National Depression Screening Day, to teach the community about signs and symptoms of depression. This year's program theme "We Care About You" included a depression screening form, lectures from mental health professionals, videos and pamphlets on depression, and a question/answer period. Featured from left are Dr. Valerie Nis Shell, a child psychiatrist who works with child and adolescent clients at East Orange General, Dr. James Cowan, President of the Medical Staff and Director of Psychiatry and Pamela Love, Manager and Clinical Coordinator of the Crisis Unit.

Robert Wood Johnson Hospital named magnet facility

WASHINGTON, DC—The Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital received "magnet" status by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). ANCC's "magnet" designation recognizes excellence in nursing services provided by short-term acute care facilities. Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital is only the seventh hospital in the country to be awarded this prestigious recognition by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

ANCC's magnet status is based on a stringent evaluation process that uses scope and practice standards established by the American Nurses Association and emphasizes clinical outcomes and patient care delivery by registered nurses. "I am excited that a facility of the reputation and caliber of Robert Wood

Johnson University Hospital has received this prestigious recognition," says Carolyn Lewis, PhD, RN, CNAA, director of the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

"The program highlights the contribution of clinical nurses to patient outcomes and emphasizes feedback from communities served by the applicant institution," says Dr. Lewis.

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Contact lenses help winter sports athletes stay in focus

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Whether snow skiing, ice skating, or snowmobiling, outdoor enthusiasts can benefit from wearing contact lenses as part of their winter weather gear. According to the Contact Lens Council (CLC), advances in contact lenses and lens care technology are changing the way recreational and professional athletes deal with eye care.

John Monaco, chairman of the CLC, says, "Many athletes find that contact lenses are more practical for winter sports than glasses because they can offer improved depth perception and enhanced peripheral vision. Because most winter sports require quick reaction time, contact lenses are ideal to help athletes see more clearly."

Experts say that contact lenses can be easily worn when playing winter sports and are often recommended with tight-fitting protective goggles, which can be cumbersome atop of eyeglasses.

Mr. Monaco adds, "Contact lenses also will not steam up from perspiration, smudge or fog when moving from cold to warm temperatures. If you're leaving the ski slope to move indoors, your contacts will adjust to the climate."

Today's contact lenses have advanced well beyond those of even ten years ago. With a variety of materials and designs available, contact lenses can help recreational and professional athletes who are nearsighted, farsighted, astigmatic, or have other vision problems.

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MONTCLAIR—Romeo and Juliet will be performed at the Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-655-7689.

NEW YORK—Blue Note artist, Cassandra Wilson, will debut her first commission for jazz at Lincoln Center at 8 p.m. For more info, call 718-550-7171.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

METUCHEN—The Forum Theatre presents the Off-Broadway hit "Pump Boys and Dinettes" at 8 p.m. For more info, call 732-548-0582.

NEWARK—Penderick & Dvorak will perform at NJPAC at 8 p.m. For more info, call 1-800-ALLERGO.

CALDWELL—Caldwell College concert series his another high note at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Theatre with the Caldwell College Choir. Christy Christy. For more info, call 973-228-4424, ext. 520.

WAYNE—Planiar Gary Kirkpatrick to perform with Wayne Chamber Orchestra at 8 p.m. in the State Center for Performing Arts. For more info, call 973-720-2956.

PLAINFIELD—18th Annual Christmas concert of Dr. Charles Choral Ensemble will be held 7:30 p.m. at Presbyterian Church. For more info, call 999-5687.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

NORTH BRANCH—A Classical Christmas Gala Holiday Concert will be held 8 p.m. at the Edward Nash Theatre. For more info, call 908-722-3420.

MILLBURG—A fundraiser will be held at the Paper Mill Playhouse for a 3 p.m. performance of the Children of Eden. For more info, call 201-673-0640.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

NEWARK—Holiday Celebration Concert NJ Children's Choir will perform at the Newark Museum at 2 p.m. For more info, call 973-596-6550.

UPPER MONTCLAIR—The Beatrice C. Crawford Memorial Concert Celebration will be held in Montclair State University's Memorial Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 973-652-7817.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

NEWARK—Mandy Patinkin in Concert, 7:30 p.m., Prudential Hall of the NJPAC. For more info, call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

NEWARK—David Copperfield - "Dreams and Nightmares" will be performed in the Prudential Hall, NJPAC 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. For more info, call 1-

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WESTFIELD—Mid-day Musicales presented by the Westfield Community Center (Sting Quartet), free, at the First Congregational Church. For more info, call 233-2454.

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NEW BRUNSWICK—Christmas Pops featuring Jubilant Sykes, bandleader at the State Theatre, 8 p.m.

NEWARK—Saxophonist Jimmy Heath to lead ensemble with Milt Jackson, James Moody, Slide Hampton and others in program of small group bebop masterpieces at 8 p.m. in Alice Tully Hall. For more info, call 212-875-6599.

NEWARK—A Christmas Pops program featuring the Seton Hall University Choir and special guest vocalist Jubilant Sykes at 8 p.m. For more info, call 1-800-ALLERGO.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

MONTCLAIR—Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" will be performed at the Memorial Auditorium in Montclair State University. For more info, call 201-655-7689.

NORTH BRANCH—The Nutcracker will be performed at The Edward Nash Theatre, Raritan Valley Community College. For more info, call 908-233-6681.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

NEWARK—Celebration of the Holiday Season featuring Greater Newark Youth Orchestra, concert and party at 1:30 p.m. at NJPAC. For more info, call 212-880-9713.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

NEWARK—George Winston performs in the Winter Concert, 7:30 p.m., in the Prudential Hall of the NJPAC. For more info, call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

NEW YORK, NY—The Forces of Nature Dance Company, celebrates Kwanzaa and its seven principles of Nguzo Saba at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 212-650-7148.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

JERSEY CITY—Kwanzaa celebration will be held 8 p.m. at the Miller Branch Library (Cultural Arts Center). For more info, call 947-4505.

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Alvin Ailey at City Center for four weeks

Two World Premieres presented this winter season

NEW YORK—The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater will open its annual four week winter season at City Center (131 West 55th Street) and continue through Wednesday, December 31. This year the Company will present two world premieres by two different generations of Ailey students: David Byrd and Earl Mosely. Three revivals are also part of the program and they are: *The Time Before the Time After* (After the Time Before) by Lar Lubovitch; *The Stack-Up* by Talley Beatty; *Bad Blood* by Ulysses Dove; and the company premiere of *Silvers* by George Faison.

Donald Byrd's world premiere *Fin de Siecle* is set to a commissioned score by Mito Morales. The work will be approximately twenty minutes long and will have six to eight dancers. Mr. Byrd, a former Ailey student, has two works already in the Company repertoire. In 1997, he choreographed and directed *Carmina Burana* for the New York City Opera and choreographed the San Francisco Opera production of *Aida*. Mr. Byrd has received numerous fellowships, including one from the National Endowment for the Arts and he received the Bessie Award in 1992 for *The Minstrel Show*.

In 1988, Earl Mosely received a scholarship to the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center and that same year he was chosen to become a member of the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble. He has choreographed not only for the Repertory Ensemble, but also for the Bat Dor Company of Israel and the Harlem Dance Festival. This year his work *Days Past, Not Forgotten* will have its world premiere during the Ailey winter season. Mr. Mosely drew from memories of his happy childhood as an inspiration for this piece. Judith Jamison watched Mr. Mosely rehearsing around

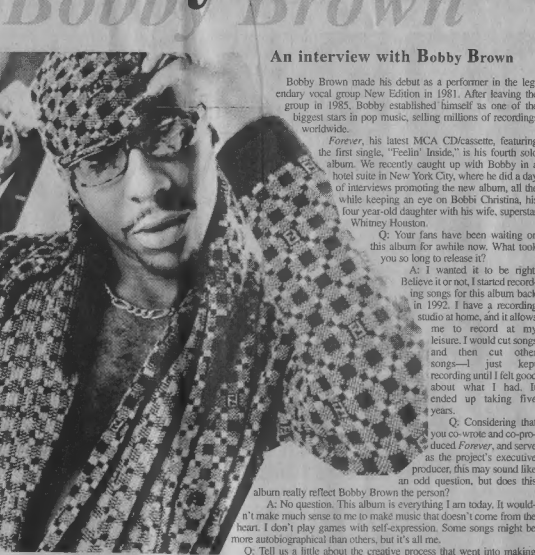
work at the Ailey studios and asked him to create a piece to be presented during the City Center season. Mr. Mosely is also a renowned teacher who, at the present time, is on the teaching staffs of Yale University, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center, Dance Space Inc., and Ballet Hispanico.

There will be four special Family Matinees, where following the performances, the audience will move down to the first rows of the orchestra to meet the dancers for a question and answer session. These Saturday matinees are December 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. For reservations and ticket information, call CityTix (212) 581-1212.

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DECEMBER 3-31, 1997

Bobby Brown



An interview with Bobby Brown

Bobby Brown made his debut as a performer in the legendary vocal group New Edition in 1981. After leaving the group in 1985, Bobby established himself as one of the biggest stars in pop music, selling millions of recordings worldwide.

Former, his latest MCA CD release, featuring the first single, "Realin' Inside," is his fourth solo album. We recently caught up with Bobby in a brief suite in New York City, where he did a day of interviews promoting the new album, all the while keeping an eye on Bobbi Christina, his four-year-old daughter with his wife, superstar Whitney Houston.

Q: You fans have been waiting on this album for awhile now. What took you so long to release it?

A: I wanted it to be right. Believe it or not, I started recording songs for this album back in 1992. I have a recording studio at home, and it allows me to record at my leisure. I would cut songs and then cut other songs—I just kept recording until I felt good about what I had. It ended up taking five years.

Q: Considering that you've worked on co-produced *Forever*, and serve as the project's executive producer, this may sound like an odd question, but does this album really reflect Bobby Brown the person?

A: No question. This album is everything I am today. It wouldn't make much sense to me to make music that doesn't come from the heart. I don't play games with self-expression. Some songs might be more autobiographical than others, but it's all me.

Q: Tell us a little about the creative process that went into making *Forever*.

A: It was real informal. When I worked with different writers, we'd usually just exchange recorded ideas—someone might give me a tape of a groove and I'd finish it or vice versa. Other songs were created while we were in the studio just by getting on the drum machine and coming up with a beat or singing a phrase that would turn into a hook. It was just about finding a flow.

Q: Back in the day, you were called the King of Stage. Obviously, you love performing live. Any plans for a concert tour?

A: Are you kidding? I hope to be on the road as people read this! I love sharing that part of myself with the audience. Being on stage can be like therapy; you get up there and let it all come out.

'Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope' playing at Crossroads Theatre

NEW BRUNSWICK—"Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope," the hit Broadway play written by Micki Grant and conceived by Vinnette Carroll which received rave reviews on Broadway twenty-five years ago returns to Crossroads Theatre December 3 to January 4, 1998.

The play first opened on Broadway in 1972 and was nominated for a Tony award. "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope" went on to win the Outer Critics' Circle Award, Two Obie Awards, two Drama Desk Awards, and an NAACP Image Award.

The musical is about the adventure of coping with life—the highs as well as the lows—and is explored in thorough song and dance influenced by blues, gospel, jazz, rock, clypsop and traditional ballad rhythms, all written by Ms. Grant.

Ms. Grant was featured in the play when it first opened on Broadway in 1972. She started out in the theatre as an actress and was the first Black woman to have a contract on a soap opera.

A native of Chicago, Ms. Grant has also written short stories and was a Tony nominee for music and lyrics for Studs Terkel's "Working" which opened on Broadway. She has written such other popular productions as "Your Arms Too Short To Box With God" and "The Frodgal's Sister" with I.E. Franklin and "It's So Nice To Be Civilized."

"Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope" will headline a longer, darker and more intense production of the play. Ms. Grant in the original Broadway production of "Cope." Ms. Reed won reviews for her performance in "Bubbling Brown Sugar" on Broadway for which she was nominated for a Tony Award. Critics were wowed by her show-stopping performances of "Sweet Georgia Brown" and her unique vocal rendition of "God Bless the Child" in that production.

"Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope" takes theatre-goers through the adventures of coping with life in the nineties and is an excellent production for the holiday season since it reminds us of the strength and courage to cope that is found in unity, community and spirituality," said Ricardo Khan, Crossroads' Artistic Director.

Idea of Divine Feminine over the millennia to be explored at The Newark Museum

NEWARK—For Images of the Sacred Feminine in The Newark Museum Collection, the institution will look to its own distinguished permanent collection to trace the many ways in which the sacred has been embodied in the female form from ancient times to this century. Opening on November 26 and remaining on view through February 8, 1998, the presentation will feature some 20 masterworks highlighted in six major galleries, and another 12 works of art not normally on public display exhibited in the Museum's first-floor Traphagen Promenade.

The extraordinarily diverse objects on view will be united with text that likewise lends a multiplicity of voices to the theme of the exhibition. Brief statements authored by a variety of people will focus on personal and scholarly issues, demonstrating the power and significance of the divine feminine in different cultures and traditions as well as in people's individual lives.

Images of the Sacred Feminine will amplify the theme of the concurrent major exhibition, *Crowning Glory: Images of the Virgin in the Arts of Portugal*, which examines Christian devotional art—specifically representations of the Virgin Mary—in works by artists from Portugal and Portuguese-speaking lands over six centuries. Images of the Sacred Feminine will explore the symbol of the female in a range of religions and cultures over thousands of years.

Included in Images of the Sacred Feminine will be a bronze statue of the Egyptian goddess Isis, whom some scholars consider a forerunner

of Christianity's Virgin Mary. So small that it can be held in the palm of the hand and so ancient that it dates to the sixth century B.C., this figurine portrays the Egyptian goddess tenderly offering her breast to her son, Horus. Also on display will be a stone sculpture from Indonesia, which depicts the goddess Durga astride the buffalo demon Mahisa, and, in the renowned Tibetan galleries, a magnificent 18th-century tanka, which represents the goddess Tara seated in royal ease in her celestial palace in paradise. Interspersed on wall panels among the objects will be statements ranging stylistically from free verse to didactic text. Contributors include an art historian who writes of her upbringing in a Hindu Bengali household, surrounded by ritual celebrations of womanhood and the empowerment of women through a host of Bengali goddesses. Another writer, a Jungian psychoanalyst and an Asian art scholar, describes how she uses the concept of the two images of the Buddhist goddess Tara in her professional life as a therapist—the White Tara to bring peace, and the Green Tara to motivate and energize into action.

Images of the Sacred Feminine is the second in a series of exhibitions called "Cultural Crossings," which uses the permanent collection to highlight connections between human cultures or between human cultures and the rest of the world. This exhibition was made possible by the generous support of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lieberman.

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All bids shall be presented by the parties bidding, at their agents, at the designated time and place, not before and not after. No bids will be accepted after the time set forth above. Proposals shall be made on the blank forms provided.

The specifications for the proposed work, are on file in the offices of the Morris County Housing Authority at 89 Keen Road, Morris Township, Morris County, New Jersey, (973) 540-0389, where they may be examined between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM, Monday to Friday. Interested Bidders may obtain copies of the documents at the same office for a non-refundable deposit fee in the form of a check for \$50.00 made payable to the Morris County Housing Authority, to cover the cost of reproduction.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Surety's Consent and a Certified Check or Bid Bond for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid, or \$20,000 maximum, whichever is lesser, payable to the Morris County Housing Authority. Said Surety shall be bound to the performance and Payment Bonds to the successful Bidder, equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract amount.

Examination of the buildings will be permitted from 12:00 PM - 12:15 PM, by appointment only.

The Morris County Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informality, to reject any or all bids, or to accept the bid which, in their judgment, best serves their interest. The bids shall hold firm for sixty (60) days.

Roberta B. Strater, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the County of Morris
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LEGAL NOTICE
HOUSING AUTHORITY
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TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

The Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown is seeking legal representation for the following, but not limited to, matters listed below:

1. Attendance at a minimum of twelve (12) regularly scheduled board meetings;
2. Institution of tenancy related suits;
3. Review and approval of bid documents and bids;
4. Legal opinions regarding Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations;
5. Representation of Authority regarding employee matters;
6. Preparation of board resolutions.

All interested parties should be familiar with Department of Housing and Urban Development rules and regulations and knowledge of New Jersey public bidding laws. All work not covered in the contract shall be quoted on an hourly basis. Tenancy cases should be quoted on a fixed rate basis. Copies of Department of Housing and Urban Development approved form of contract are available at the Morristown Housing Authority offices, 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey.

Please submit all proposals to David Gardner, Executive Director, Morristown Housing Authority, 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, no later than January 8, 1998, 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.

David Gardner
Executive Director
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LEGAL NOTICE

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
110 SOUTH GROVE STREET, EAST ORANGE, N.J.

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George F. Lohrutz, Tax Administrator
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Regular Board Meeting is held the Third Wednesday of each month except in the case of a holiday, in which case, the meeting is held the next day.

Meetings begin at 8:00 a.m., and are held at Richmond Towers, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey except on March 18, June 17 and September 16, they are held at the Liberty Village Community Room, 205 Liberty Street, Plainfield, New Jersey.

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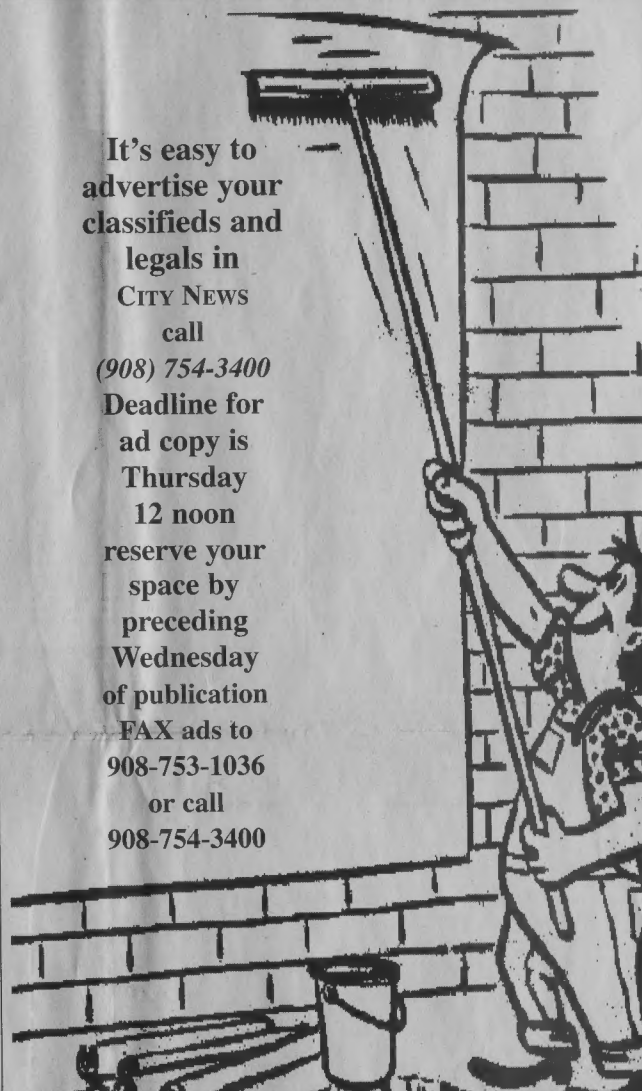
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